

1916, ch. 221, sec. 1.

**98A.** The sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) is hereby appropriated for the purposes of establishing in Southern Maryland, a plant for the converting and reduction of oyster shells into agricultural lime.

1916, ch. 221, secs. 2 and 3.

**98B.** A Board is hereby constituted and appointed to be known as the "State Agricultural Lime Board," which said Board shall be composed of the "Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture," "The Director of Farmers' Institutes," "The State Agent of Farmers' Demonstration Work" for the time being, and their successors in office to serve without other compensation than their expenses.

Immediately after the appropriation hereby appropriated shall become effective, the said Board shall organize by electing a President and a Secretary and other officers necessary and thereupon they shall proceed to acquire the ground necessary for said plants, and construct the proper buildings and install proper machinery, and after the said several acts shall be performed, they shall employ proper superintendents and employ proper clerical help, and acquire the shells by purchase or otherwise necessary for use in the manufacture or grinding of lime and do all things necessary to properly carry out the spirit and intent of Sections 98A to 98E.

1916, ch. 221, sec. 4.

**98C.** The said Board shall make report to the Comptroller of the State Treasury annually of receipts and expenditures, and any excess over above the expenses, and cost of maintenance of said plants shall be paid into the Treasury of Maryland.

1916, ch. 221, sec. 5.

**98D.** Said Board is hereby directed to sell the lime produced at said plants only to farmers within the State of Maryland for Agricultural purposes, for cash only, and at a price which will enable them to pay all expenses and cost of maintenance with a small percentage over and above the expenses and cost of maintenance to enable them to maintain a sinking fund to reimburse the State (if possible), for the appropriation hereby made.

1916, ch. 221, sec. 6.

**98E.** The Board hereby created is authorized and directed to instruct and encourage farmers all over the State by the distribution of literature through Farmer's Institutes and etc., in the uses of lime in its various forms and the benefits to be derived therefrom, and to exert their good offices in efforts to secure lower freight rates on lime by the transportation companies throughout the State.\*

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\*Section 7 of the act of 1916, chapter 221, provides for the repeal of all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with said act of 1916.